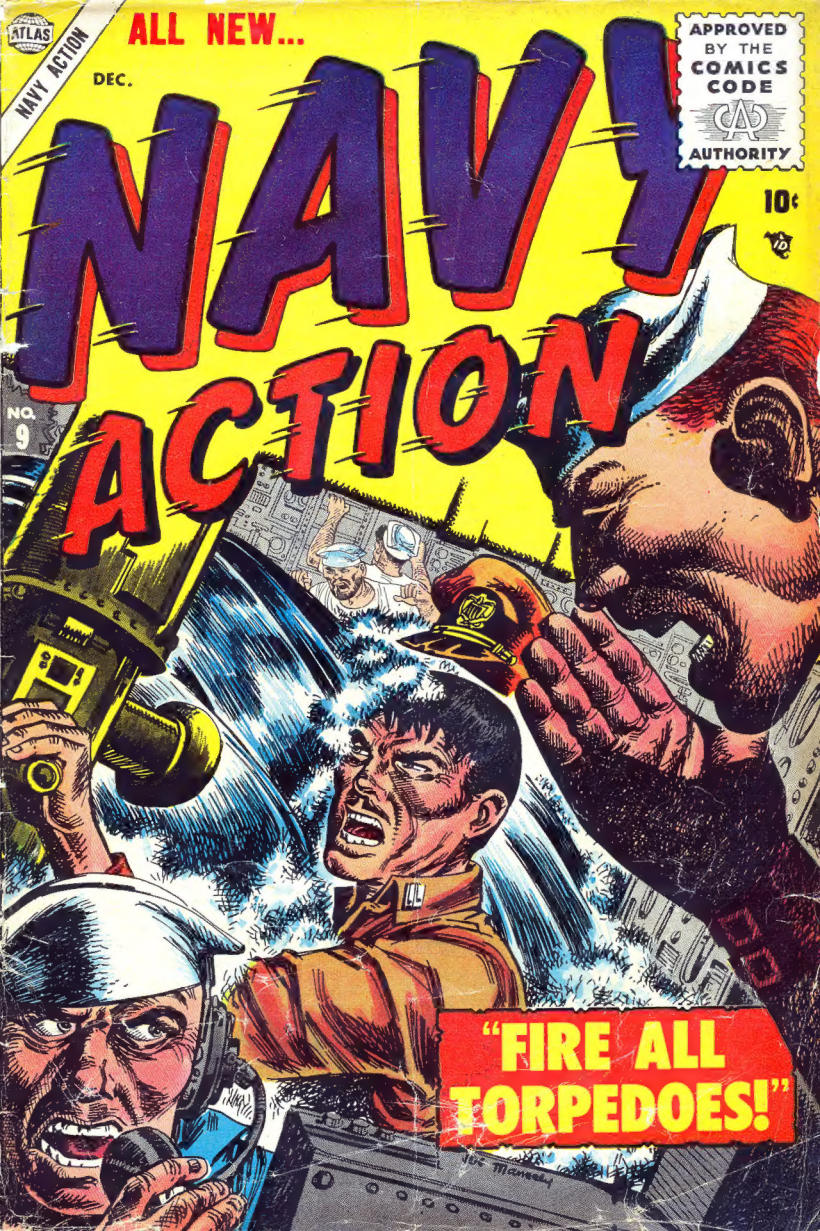
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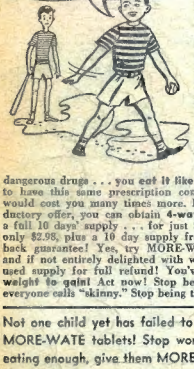

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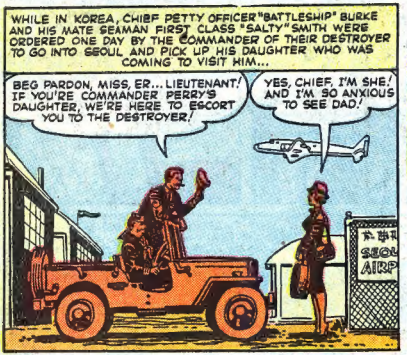
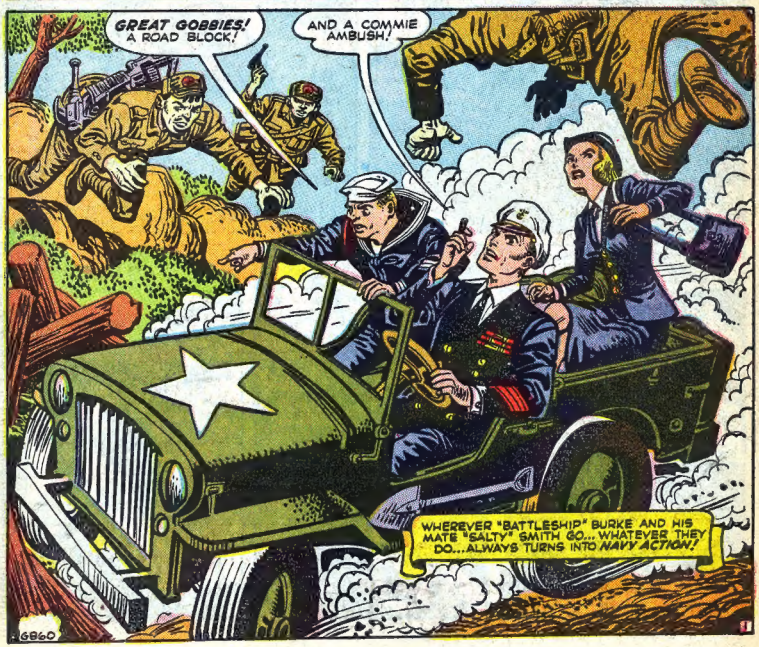
"BATTLESHIP" BURKE


WHILE IN KOREA, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER "BATTLESHIP" BURKE AND HIS MATE SEAMAN FIRST CLASS "SALTY" SMITH WERE ORDERED ONE DAY BY THE COMMANDER OF THEIR DESTROYER TO GO INTO SEOUL AND PICK UP HIS DAUGHTER WHO WAS COMING TO VISIT HIM...
BEG PARDON, MISS, ER... LIEUTENANT! IF YOU'RE COMMANDER PERRY'S DAUGHTER, WE'RE HERE TO ESCORT YOU TO THE DESTROYER!
YES, CHIEF, I'M SHE! AND I'M SO ANXIOUS TO SEE DAD!
AIRP

WE'LL HAVE YOU ABOARD IN FIFTEEN MINUTES, LIEUTENANT! WE HAVE A LAUNCH WAITING AT THE DOCK!
THAT'S WHY YOUR FATHER SENT US... HE KNOWS WE'LL GET YOU THERE FAST AND SAFE!


GREAT GOBBIES! A ROAD BLOCK!
AND A COMMIE AMBUSH!
WHEREVER "BATTLESHIP" BURKE AND HIS MATE "SALTY" SMITH GO... WHATEVER THEY DO... ALWAYS TURNS INTO NAVY ACTION!
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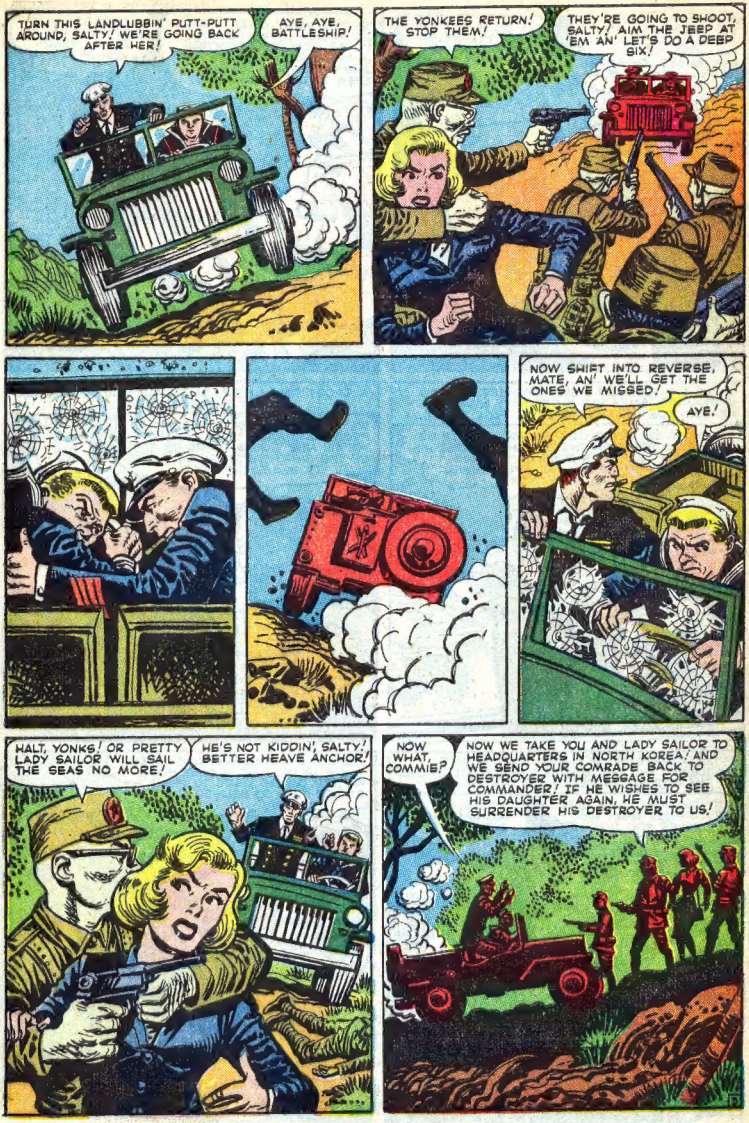
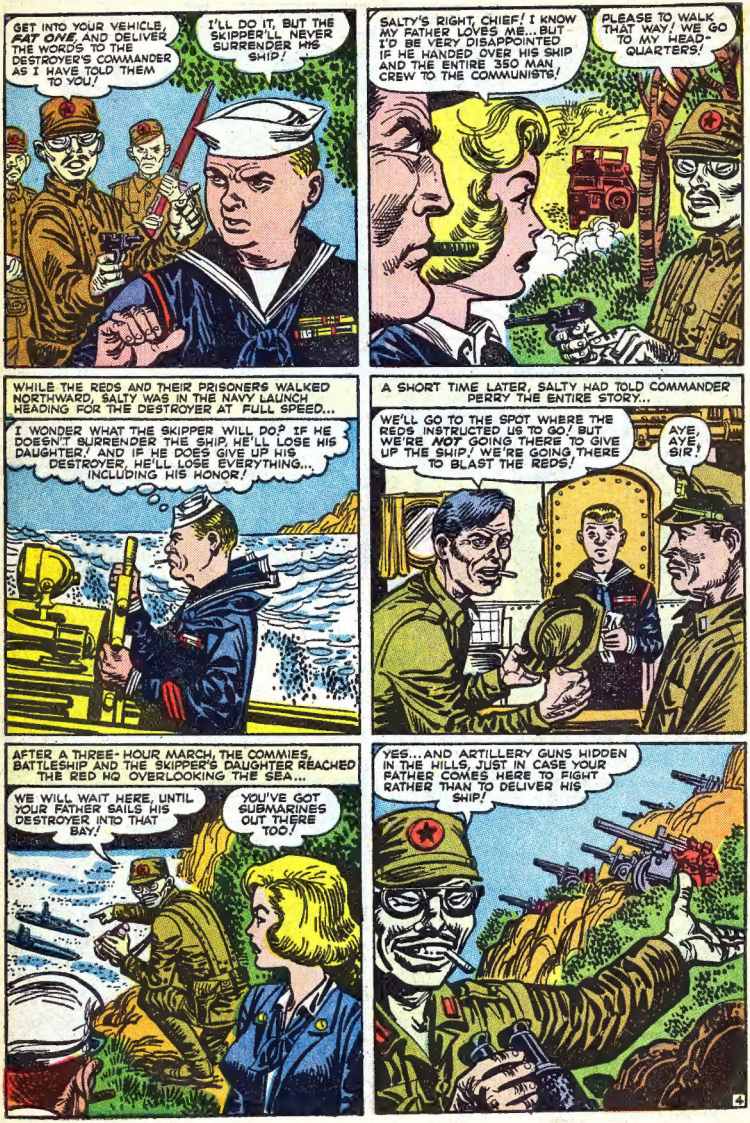
DON'T ANNOY THE DRIVER, COMMIE!
ATTA GIRL! ER... I MEAN, THANKS, LIEUTENANT!
ALL ASHORE WHO ARE GOING ASHORE... AN' THAT MEANS YOU, BUSTER!
AN' YOU, TOO!
TAKE THE WHEEL, SALTY!
IF I STOP FOR THAT BLOCKADE, BATTLESHIP... WE'LL BE TRAPPED!
THEN DON'T STOP! MAKE A U-TURN AN' HEAD BACK WHERE WE CAME FROM!
I DID IT.. BUT THERE'S A BLOCKADE OF COMMIES IN FRONT OF US NOW!
SO SCRAMBLE 'EM!
BINGO! WE'RE OUT OF THE TRAP! LIKE I SAID, LIEUTENANT... WE'LL GET YOU ABOARD SAFE AN...
GREAT GOBS! SHE'S GONE, SALTY!
AYE! THAT RED HANGIN' FROM THE BRANCH BY HIS SNEAKERS SNATCHED HER FROM THE JEEP AS WE SAILED BY!


TURN THIS LANDLUBBIN' PUTT-PUTT AROUND, SALTY! WE'RE GOING BACK AFTER HER!
AYE, AYE, BATTLESHIP!
THE YONKEES RETURN! STOP THEM!
THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT, SALTY! AIM THE JEEP AT 'EM AN' LET'S DO A DEEP SIX!
NOW SHIFT INTO REVERSE, MATE, AN' WE'LL GET THE ONES WE MISSED!
AYE!
HALT, YONKS! OR PRETTY LADY SAILOR WILL SAIL THE SEAS NO MORE!
HE'S NOT KIDDIN', SALTY! BETTER HEAVE ANCHOR!
NOW, WHAT, COMMIE?
NOW WE TAKE YOU AND LADY SAILOR TO HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH KOREA, AND WE SEND YOUR COMRADE BACK TO DESTROYER WITH MESSAGE FOR COMMANDER! IF HE WISHES TO SEE HIS DAUGHTER AGAIN, HE MUST SURRENDER HIS DESTROYER TO US!


GET INTO YOUR VEHICLE, FAT ONE, AND DELIVER THE WORDS TO THE DESTROYER'S COMMANDER AS I HAVE TOLD THEM TO YOU!
I'LL DO IT, BUT THE SKIPPER'LL NEVER SURRENDER HIS SHIP!
SALTY'S RIGHT, CHIEF! I KNOW MY FATHER LOVES ME... BUT I'D BE VERY DISAPPOINTED IF HE HANDED OVER HIS SHIP AND THE ENTIRE 350 MAN CREW TO THE COMMUNISTS!
PLEASE TO WALK THAT WAY! WE GO TO MY HEAD-QUARTERS!
WHILE THE REDS AND THEIR PRISONERS WALKED NORTHWARD, SALTY WAS IN THE NAVY LAUNCH HEADING FOR THE DESTROYER AT FULL SPEED...
I WONDER WHAT THE SKIPPER WILL DO? IF HE DOESN'T SURRENDER THE SHIP, HE'LL LOSE HIS DAUGHTER! AND IF HE DOES GIVE UP HIS DESTROYER, HE'LL LOSE EVERYTHING... INCLUDING HIS HONOR!
A SHORT TIME LATER, SALTY HAD TOLD COMMANDER PERRY THE ENTIRE STORY...
WE'LL GO TO THE SPOT WHERE THE REDS INSTRUCTED US TO GO! BUT WE'RE NOT GOING THERE TO GIVE UP THE SHIP! WE'RE GOING THERE TO BLAST THE REDS!
AYE, AYE, SIR!
AFTER A THREE-HOUR MARCH, THE COMMIES, BATTLESHIP AND THE SKIPPER'S DAUGHTER REACHED THE RED HQ OVERLOOKING THE SEA...
WE WILL WAIT HERE, UNTIL YOUR FATHER SAILS HIS DESTROYER INTO THAT BAY!
YOU'VE GOT SUBMARINES OUT THERE TOO!
YES... AND ARTILLERY GUNS HIDDEN IN THE HILLS, JUST IN CASE YOUR FATHER COMES HERE TO FIGHT RATHER THAN TO DELIVER HIS SHIP!
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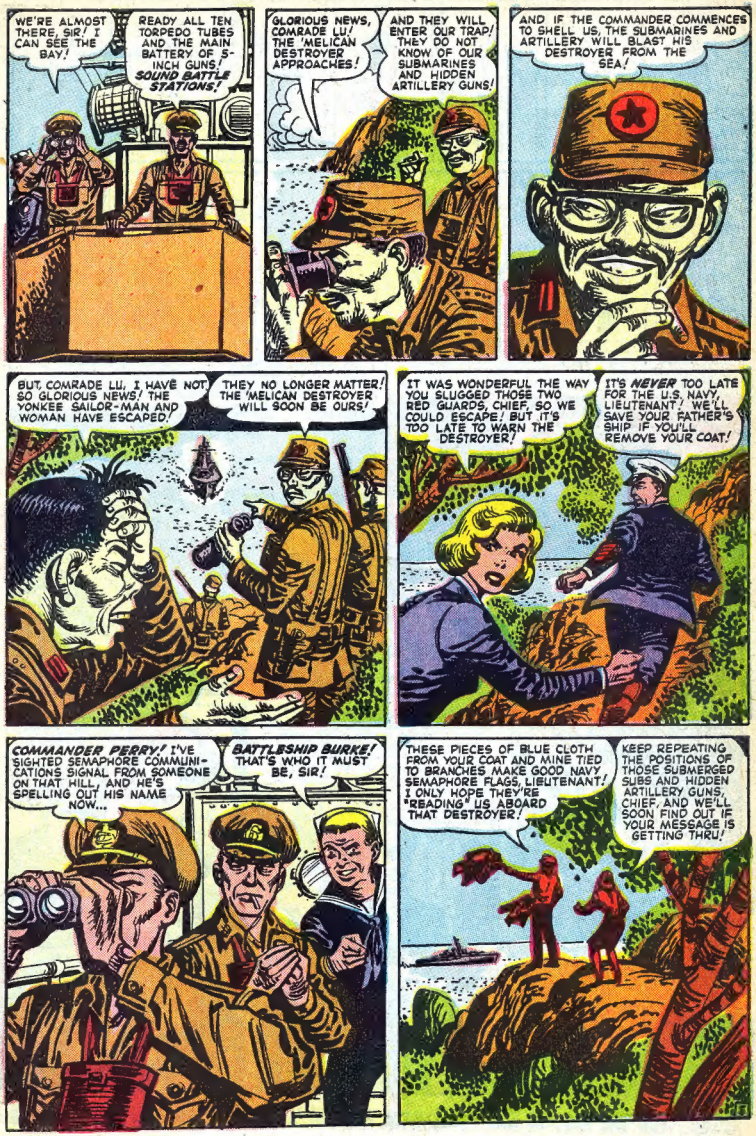
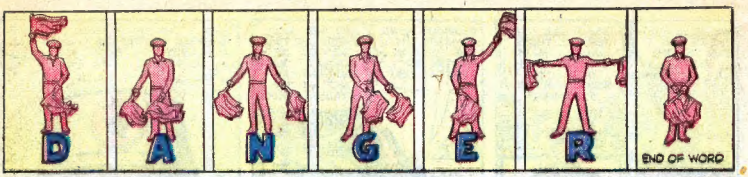
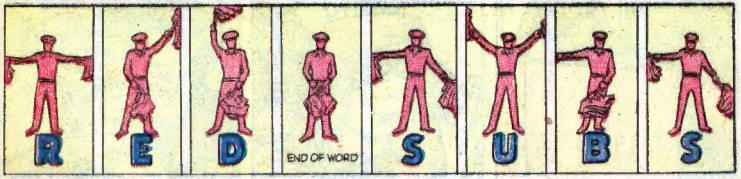
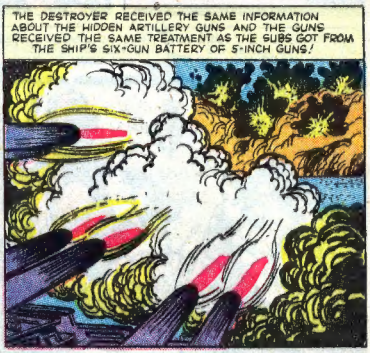

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, SIR! I CAN SEE THE BAY!
READY ALL TEN TORPEDO TUBES AND THE MAIN BATTERY OF 5-INCH GUNS! SOUND BATTLE STATIONS!
GLORIOUS NEWS, COMRADE LU! THE 'MELICAN DESTROYER APPROACHES!
AND THEY WILL ENTER OUR TRAP! THEY DO NOT KNOW OF OUR SUBMARINES AND HIDDEN ARTILLERY GUNS!
AND IF THE COMMANDER COMMENCES TO SHELL US, THE SUBMARINES AND ARTILLERY WILL BLAST HIS DESTROYER FROM THE SEA!
BUT, COMRADE LU, I HAVE NOT SO GLORIOUS NEWS! THE YONKEE SAILOR-MAN AND WOMAN HAVE ESCAPED!
THEY NO LONGER MATTER! THE 'MELICAN DESTROYER WILL SOON BE OURS!
IT WAS WONDERFUL THE WAY YOU SLUGGED THOSE TWO RED GUARDS, CHIEF, SO WE COULD ESCAPE! BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO WARN THE DESTROYER!
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR THE U.S. NAVY, LIEUTENANT! WE'LL SAVE YOUR FATHER'S SHIP IF YOU'LL REMOVE YOUR COAT!
COMMANDER PERRY! I'VE SIGHTED SEMAPHORE COMMUNICATIONS SIGNAL FROM SOMEONE ON THAT HILL, AND HE'S SPELLING OUT HIS NAME NOW...
BATTLESHIP BURKE! THAT'S WHO IT MUST BE, SIR!
THESE PIECES OF BLUE CLOTH FROM YOUR COAT AND MINE TIED TO BRANCHES MAKE GOOD NAVY SEMAPHORE FLAGS, LIEUTENANT! I ONLY HOPE THEY'RE "READING" US ABOARD THAT DESTROYER!
KEEP REPEATING THE POSITIONS OF THOSE SUBMERGED SUBS AND HIDDEN ARTILLERY GUNS, CHIEF, AND WE'LL SOON FIND OUT IF YOUR MESSAGE IS GETTING THRU!





BATTLESHIP FLAGGED THE POSITIONS OF THE COMMIE SUBS TO THE DESTROYER...AND THE BATTLEWAGON'S TORPEDOES LOCATED THE IRON-FISH WITH A BANG!


THE DESTROYER RECEIVED THE SAME INFORMATION ABOUT THE HIDDEN ARTILLERY GUNS AND THE GUNS RECEIVED THE SAME TREATMENT AS THE SUBS GOT FROM THE SHIP'S SIX-GUN BATTERY OF 5-INCH GUNS!

BATTLESHIP BURKE AND THE COMMANDER'S DAUGHTER WERE PICKED UP BY A SHORE PARTY A BIT LATER ... AND BROUGHT ABOARD THE DESTROYER...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, CHIEF, FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
I DO, DAD!

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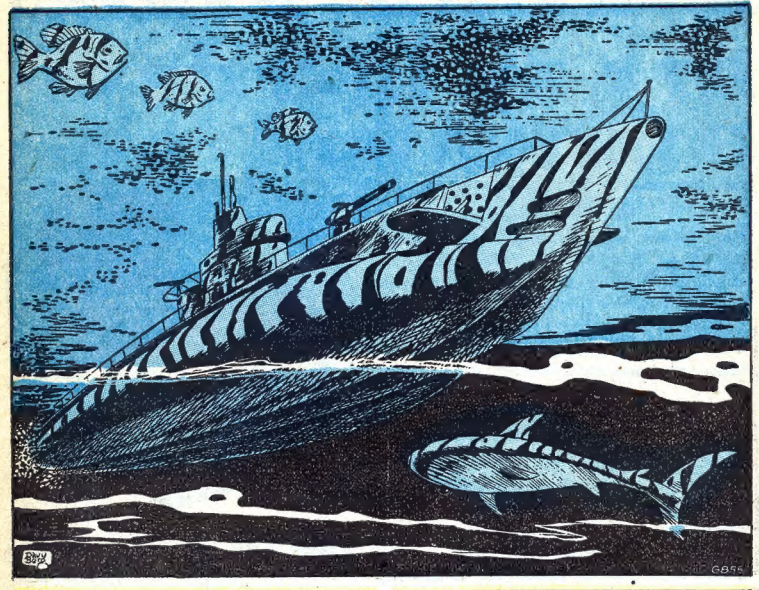
THIS IS MY SHIP, THE "PIRANHA"! SHE'S NEW AND SHE'S A BEAUTY! ALL OF US HAD SEEN SUB SERVICE BEFORE AND HAD BEEN RECRUITED FROM OTHER CREWS TO MAN THE "PIRANHA" ...ALL OF US BUT ONE! BUT WE'D NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO WORK TOGETHER! AND THOUGH THE "PIRANHA" WAS THE BEST, A SUB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS HER CREW...



WE'RE HEADING FOR TOKYO BAY! I'M SID FULLER, THE CAPTAIN'S AIDE...
I'M GOING FORWARD! WHEN MISTER MOTEN COMES, SEND HIM TO ME!
AYE, AYE, SIR!

THE SKIPPER IS CAPTAIN "BLACKJACK" PLUMMER! HE'S GOT A REPUTATION FOR BEING TOUGH AND DEPENDABLE...
BUT FIRST MATE CLARK MOTEN, HE ISN'T LIKE THE SKIPPER...NOT BY A LONG SHOT!

I LAY BACK TAKING IT EASY AFTER THE SKIPPER LEFT, AND I THOUGHT BACK TO WHEN I'D REPORTED ABOARD...
ABLE SEAMAN FULLER REPORTING ABOARD, SIR!
GO FORWARD AND SET YOUR BUNK ASSIGNED!
THE CREW WAS ALL ABOARD AND PIPED "TOPSIDE WHEN THE SKIPPER GAVE A SPEECH!
NONE OF YOU MEN HAVE WORKED TOGETHER! WE HAVEN'T TIME FOR A SHAKEDOWN CRUISE! JAP SHIPPING MUST BE HIT, SO WE'RE GOING OUT AND WE'LL HAVE TO LEARN TO WORK AS A TEAM!
IT WAS THEN THAT FIRST MATE MOTEN MADE HIS APPEARANCE...
FIRST MATE MOTEN REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR!
FOLLOW ME TO MY QUARTERS! FULLER, COME ALONG AND GIVE MISTER MOTEN A HAND!
I CARRIED THE MATE'S SEABAG AND THAT'S HOW I HEARD THE CONVERSATION...
SIR, I'VE NEVER SEEN ACTIVE DUTY! I HELD DOWN A DESK JOB, BUT I KEPT PLUGGING FOR ACTIVE DUTY AND FINALLY GOT IT ON THE "PIRANHA"!
THE SKIPPER SURE WASN'T PLEASED AT THIS REVELATION! THEN HE POINTED TO THE BOX...
WHAT'S IN THAT BOX YOU'RE SO CAREFUL OF?
TOBACCO, SIR! A SPECIAL MIXTURE! I GUESS IT WILL BE A HARD TASK, NOT BEING ABLE TO SMOKE WHEN WE'RE SUBMERGED!
THE FIRST MATE WOULD FIND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS HARD TO BEAR ON THIS CRUISE! WHILE WE WERE RUNNING SUBMERGED HE'D CHEW NERVOUSELY ON THE EMPTY PIPE...
SID SAYS THE GUY'S NEVER SEEN ACTIVE DUTY BEFORE!
WHEN WE SURFACED, HE'D BE ONE OF THE FIRST UP, AND WITH HIS PIPE GOING FULL BLAST, THE CREW NICKNAMED HIM "SMOKESTACK" MOTEN!

THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS, WITH THE CREW JITTERY BECAUSE NO ONE KNEW HOW THE OTHER FELLOW WOULD REACT TO DANGER, AND TOKYO BAY JUST AHEAD, AND ME WAITING FOR "SMOKESTACK" WHEN THE CALL CAME...
NOW HEAR THIS! ALL MEN AT BATTLE STATIONS!
TOKYO BAY AHEAD, MR MOTEN! CUT THE ENGINES. WE DON'T WANT THEM TO PICK US UP!
LIKE A GRAY GHOST, THE "PIRANHA" GLIDED THROUGH THE NETS AND MINES AS THE SKIPPER TOOK US IN..
THEN WE WERE IN THE HARBOR WITH THE JAP SHIPS ABOVE US!
GYRO ANGLES, TWO LEFT! STAND BY! ZERO-ZERO FOUR... FOUR AND A HALF... FIRE ONE! FIRE TWO!
WE HIT THEM LIKE A TON OF BRICKS!
TAKE HER DOWN. DEEP AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE FAST!
WE LOADED THE TUBES, WATCHING THE MATE! HE WAS PALE AND I THOUGHT HE'D BITE HIS PIPE STEM IN TWO!
TAKE IT EASY, MOTEN! WE ALL HAVE THE JITTERS IN OUR FIRST ACTION!
YES, SIR!
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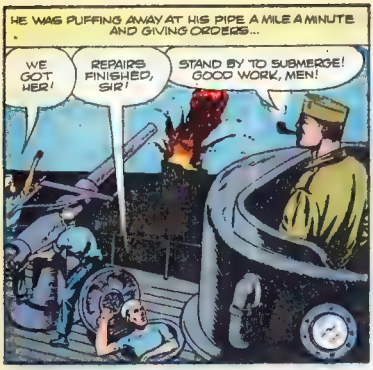
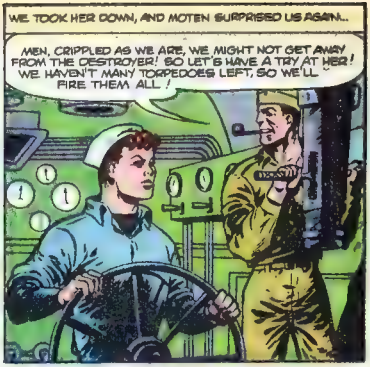
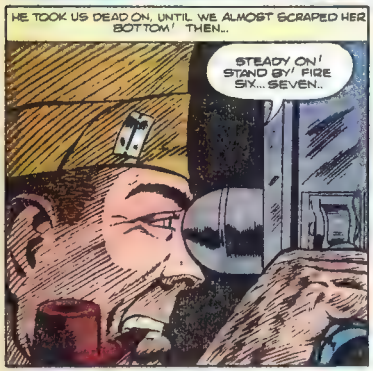
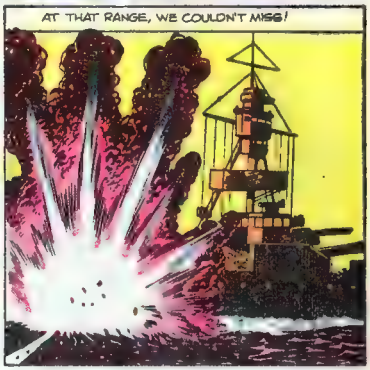
SUDDENLY, THE "PIRANHA" ROLLED AND THE SHOCK AND SOUND OF THE EXPLOSION RAN THROUGH HER! WE HAD HIT A MINE!
THEN, FROM ABOVE, A DESTROYER DUMPED HER "CAN"... AND IT WAS ONE OF THOSE THINGS, A LUCKY HIT!
THE LIGHTS WENT OUT, THE MOTORS STOPPED, ANYTHING THAT WAS LOOSE FLEW AND ROLLED, INCLUDING THE MEN! THEN WE HIT BOTTOM WITH A THUMP!
SKIPPER'S HURT! WHERE'S THE PHARMACIST'S MATE?
MOTEN WAS IN A DAZE! THE CAPTAIN WAS OUT COLD! MOTEN DIDN'T EVEN HAVE SENSE ENOUGH TO CALL FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTS! THE SECOND DID!
PLATES ARE BAD SPRUNG! SHIPPING WATER FAST! WHAT'LL WE DO?
WE CAN'T START THOSE PUMPS YET! THEY'LL HEAR IT ABOVE! JUST WAIT, RIGHT, MISTER MOTEN?
WHAT? YES, I SUPPOSE... BUT WHY ASK ME?
BECAUSE, MISTER MOTEN, THE SKIPPER IS IN SICK BAY, AND YOU ARE NOW IN COMMAND OF THIS SHIP!
WE DIDN'T SPEAK! THE AIR WAS GETTING FOUL AND THE WATER HIGHER! WHAT A SPOT TO BE IN, WITH A DESK ADMIRAL IN COMMAND!
THEN MOTEN'S VOICE BROKE THE SILENCE...
THAT'S ENOUGH... START THE MOTORS... GET THE PUMPS GOING! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! I'M IN COMMAND! THAT'S AN ORDER!

IN HIS CABIN, THE SKIPPER CAME TO FOR A FEW MINUTES, HEARD WHAT MOTEN HAD COMMANDED, AND PASSED OUT AGAIN, AFTER MUTTERING...
HE'S NOT GOING TO... IF I COULD ONLY...
HOW WE MADE IT, I DON'T KNOW! BUT WE DID!
IF WE COULD SURFACE AND MAKE REPAIRS WHERE WE WOULDN'T BE SEEN...
TAKE HER UP!
IT WAS NIGHT WHEN WE SURFACED! MOTEN GOT HIS PIPE GOING AND SEEMED TO GET A HOLD OF HIMSELF AND DIRECTED US TO A TINY, DESERTED COVE OFF THE JAPANESE MAINLAND..
CUT ENGINES! TRY TO GET REPAIRS DONE BEFORE IT GETS LIGHT!
MOTEN STAYED CLOSE TO THE GUN CREW ON THE GUNS... WE ALL WORKED FAST TRYING TO GET THE "PIRANHA" IN SHAPE TO GO ON..
DAWN'S COMING!
WE NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME! LISTEN..WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE A PLANE..
IT WAS A JAP PLANE! WE NEEDED MORE TIME! IF WE PULLED OUT NOW AND SUBMERGED, WE'D NEVER SURFACE AGAIN!
HE'LL GET PANICKY AGAIN! HE'LL ORDER US TO SUBMERGE!
YOU MEN ON THE GUNS, ON YOUR TOES! THAT WAS A SCOUT PLANE AND HE'LL PROBABLY SEND OUT A SUB CHASER AMONG OTHER THINGS! WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT THEM OFF UNTIL REPAIRS ARE DONE!
THE SUB CHASER CAME AND BEHIND IT A BIG DESTROYER THAT LOBBED SHELLS AT US! OUR OWN GUNS BOOMED!
GET THAT CHASER! NEVER MIND THAT DESTROYER!


HE WAS PUFFING AWAY AT HIS PIPE A MILE A MINUTE AND GIVING ORDERS...
WE GOT HER!
REPAIRS FINISHED, SIR!
STAND BY TO SUBMERGE! GOOD WORK, MEN!


WE TOOK HER DOWN, AND MOTEN SURPRISED US AGAIN..
MEN, CRIPPLED AS WE ARE, WE MIGHT NOT GET AWAY FROM THE DESTROYER! SO LET'S HAVE A TRY AT HER! WE HAVEN'T MANY TORPEDOES LEFT, SO WE'LL FIRE THEM ALL!





THEN WE LIMPED FOR HOME!
MOTEN, CONGRATULATIONS ON A WONDERFUL JOB! I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT YOU GET A COMMAND OF YOUR OWN!
THANK YOU, SIR! I WAS SCARED SILLY AT FIRST!

BUT YET YOU BRAVELY CARRIED OUT THE RIGHT PROCEDURE! WHAT MADE YOU GIVE THE COMMAND TO START THE PUMPS SO SOON, WHEN THE WATER WAS LEAKING IN?
WELL, SIR, I REALIZED THAT IN ANOTHER MINUTE THE WATER WOULD REACH MY BUNK AND MY TOBACCO...AND OUT HERE, WHERE COULD I GET MORE OF MY SPECIAL MIXTURE?

MISTER MOTEN, I WANT THE NAME OF THAT TOBACCO! FROM NOW ON, EVERY MAN, INCLUDING MYSELF, ON ANY SHIP I COMMAND, WILL BE ORDERED TO SMOKE THAT BRAND!
WHAT A SHIP! WHAT A CREW! WHAT A SKIPPER, AND WHAT A FIRST MATE! A SHIP IS ONLY AS GOOD AS HER CREW...SO, BROTHER, WE WERE THE BEST!
THE END

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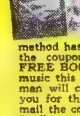

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THE DRAGON SHIP

THERE was a ringing of great bells and then a clashing of cymbals at the headland of the Norwegian fiord. The hour was almost noon, and, in the harbor below the fortified Viking village the six long ships, with their dragon prows lay waiting to be shipped. They were over a hundred feet long, each of them, and their masts, also were unshipped, for at night the Vikings brought their vessels ashore and took down the masts so that no enemy might land and sail away with them by stealth.

As yet, along the gunwales of the long ships, the shields that shone and flashed had not been placed in position. These, too, were put up only at sailing point, or when actually at sea.

For a hundred years, the Vikings had reigned supreme on the seas. The east coasts of England paid them tribute, as did the northern coasts of France. So swift were the long ships, so well manned with daring sailor warriors, that no one could now be found to oppose them. The Vikings were adventurous. They had sailed westward and landed in America. They had settlements all along the coasts of Greenland. Iceland was theirs, and most of Scandanavia.

"No power exists that can drive us from the seas!" Erik, the fleet commander had shouted at the great feast that very morning.

And Gunnar, his second in command had nodded vigorously in agreement. Life, in fact, Gunnar decided, was getting tame. He remembered the deeds of his ancestors, how, starting with the first dragon ships they had timidly ventured out into the cold sea waters. Then, growing bolder all the time, they had ventured everywhere, proving their valor and daring. Whenever, now, a long ship hove into sight, the inhabitants of the shore either surrendered immediately or fled into the interior until the sea kings had gone.

Now, Gunnar stood upon the deck of the biggest of the Viking fleet. From one end of the fiord to the other burned the victory fires lighted as a fleet took the water.

"Heave . . . ho!" shouted Gunnar. At the prow forty men pushed and struggled, moving the great ship toward the water on its rollers. Then the razor-sharp stern, with its great, curving dragon tail hit the breakers and, suddenly, the vessel was afloat. Within a few moments its crew . . . the men who had pushed it into the water . . . were clambering over the sides and taking their posts. Ship after ship rolled into the water until all six were afloat and then they moved into the roadstead of the great fiord to the continued ringing of the bells. Now the shining shields were flung over the gunwales and fixed in place, each with its heraldic insignia upon it. The oars fell into place and the rowers at the benches began to pull at them. Slowly the great gaping prows came round . . . and then the masts went up and the sails were hoisted. With increasing speed, aided by wind, the fleet sailed out of the harbor.

Beneath the awning of the leading vessel, Erik, the commander stood and watched the great headland disappear down beneath the horizon. The course had been set for the coast of Northumbria in Britain. All along the decks, the rowers had shipped their oars and were busy polishing their weapons and helmets. Erik produced a crudely-drawn chart of parchment and laid it upon a rower's bench.

"We will strike here first, Gunnar," he said to his second in command. "First Alesund, then Ravenspur, then . . ."

"Ravenspur?" Gunnar interrupted, suddenly grave. " 'Tis a royal city, Erik. There may be many ships in the harbor. We have never attacked Ravenspur before."

Erik laughed.

"Did I not say that no power exists to drive us from the seas?" he demanded, jovially.

"Aye, that you did," Gunnar replied. "And no man loves a good battle more than I. But these Saxons are cunning. It is easy to take tribute from the smaller, coastal cities to the north, but . . ." And he stroked his chin thoughtfully. "The Vikings have ruled long in their waters, and perhaps we have grown careless. A royal city will not be undefended."

Erik grunted.

"And with what will they oppose us?" he demanded. "With a lot of old trading tubs so slow that a man could run faster than they sail?"

Gunnar shook his head.

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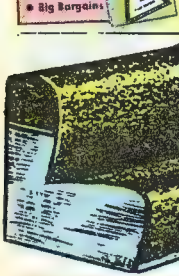

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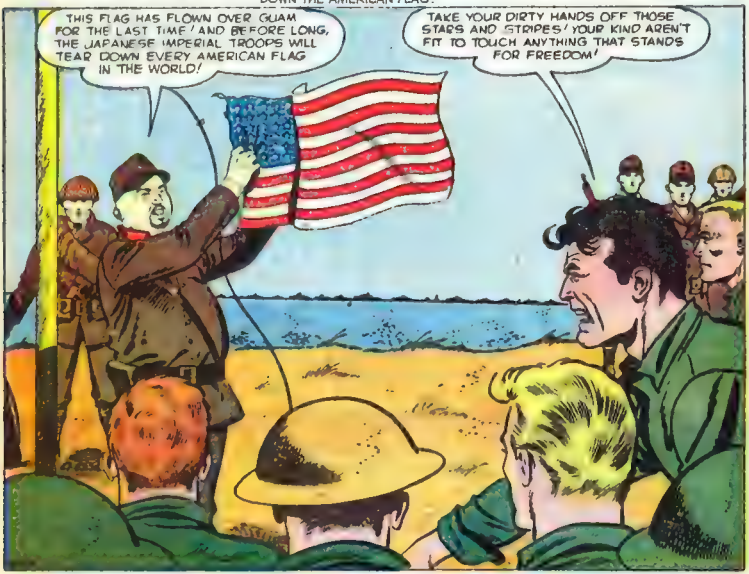
HIS NAME WAS GENERAL HASUKO THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE JAPANESE FORCES ON GUAM! THE DAY OF THE INSULT WAS DECEMBER 10, 1941. WHEN THE JAPS FOLLOWED THEIR SNEAK ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR BY TAKING THE ISLAND OF GUAM FROM A SMALL FORCE OF MARINES AND AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS! I WAS THERE...I SAW HIM TEAR DOWN THE AMERICAN FLAG!


THIS FLAG HAS FLOWN OVER GUAM FOR THE LAST TIME! AND BEFORE LONG, THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL TROOPS WILL TEAR DOWN EVERY AMERICAN FLAG IN THE WORLD!
TAKE YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF THOSE STARS AND STRIPES! YOUR KIND AREN'T FIT TO TOUCH ANYTHING THAT STANDS FOR FREEDOM!

TAKE HIM AND THAT AMERICAN FLAG AWAY! FEED HIM FISH HEADS AND WATER UNTIL HE BEGS TO COME BEFORE ME AND ASK MY FORGIVENESS!
YOU GOT A LONG WAIT, BUSTER!

THE FLAG AND I WERE LOCKED AWAY IN A SHACK! I ATE WHAT THE JAPS GAVE ME... AND PRAYED...

FOUR MONTHS PASSED BEFORE I HEARD THE FIRST BIT OF GOOD NEWS! COLONEL JIMMY DOOLITTLE'S B-25'S HAD BOMBED TOKYO ON APRIL 18, 1942...

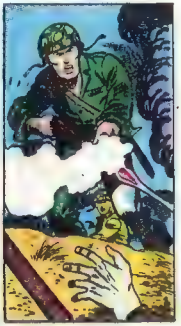
THEN I LEARNED ON DEC. 7 1942 THAT THE MARINES HAD TAKEN GUADALCANAL...

HOPE KEPT ME ALIVE! ON JULY 5, 1943, NEW GEORGIA HAD FALLEN TO THE GYRENES.

FIVE MORE MONTHS WENT BY! THE JAPS LOST TARAWA TO THE MARINES ON NOV. 21, 1943...

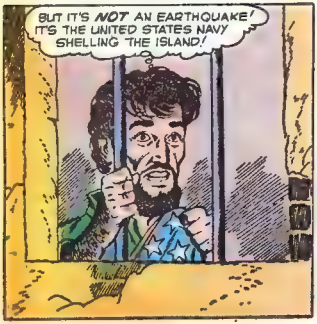
STEP BY STEP, THE MARINES WERE COMING CLOSER TO *GUAM!* KWAJALEIN WAS INVADED BY THE LEATHER-NECKS ON JAN. 31, 1944...

ON FEB. 22, 1944, THE U.S. MARINES KICKED THE NIPS OFF OF ENIWETOK...

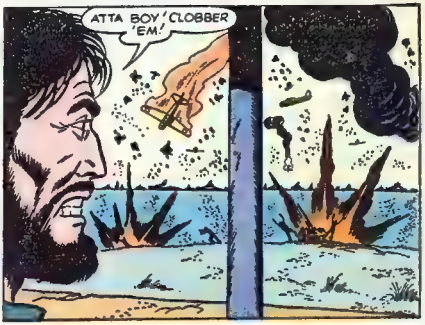


IN JUNE, 1944, I HEARD THE BIG NEWS! MARINES WERE LANDING IN THE MARIANAS! AND SAIPAN, TINIAN AND GUAM ARE IN THAT GROUP!

A FEW DAYS LATER, THE SHACK IN WHICH I WAS PRISONER SHOOK AS IF AN EARTHQUAKE HAD STRUCK GUAM...



I CHEERED AS THE SHELLS FELL AROUND MY PRISON! FOR OVER A MONTH OUR NAVY'S BATTLESHIPS, CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND AIRCRAFT CLOBBERED THE JAPS ON THAT ISLAND...

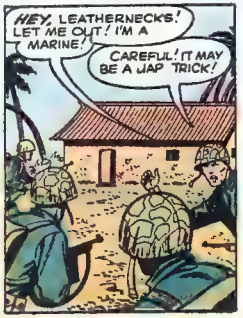


THEN CAME THE BIG DAY... D-DAY! ON JULY 21, 1944, GYRENES CAME PILING ON THE BEACHES OUT OF "DUCKS" AND "ALLIGATORS"...

WE CANNOT STOP THEM, GENERAL HAGURO! THEIR NAVY'S BOMBARDMENT DESTROYED EVERY ARTILLERY GUN ON THE ISLAND! WE ONLY HAVE MORTARS AND RIFLES LEFT!
THEN YOU MUST COVER MY ESCAPE! I WILL GO BY MOTORBOAT TO THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN AND GET HELP!

I KNEW ENOUGH JAP LINGO TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE GENERAL WAS UP TO, BUT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP HIM...

A SHORT TIME AFTER THE GENERAL LEFT, I SAW A BUNCH OF GYRENES ADVANCING TOWARD MY JAIL...



CAUTIOUSLY THEY CAME! AND EVEN AFTER THEY'D SET ME FREE I HAD A HARD TIME CONVINCING THEM I WAS A GYRENE...

IT'S THE FLAG THAT ONCE FLEW OVER GUAM! I'VE BEEN IN PRISON WITH IT SINCE DECEMBER 10, 1941! AND THE MAN WHO TORE IT DOWN IS GETTING AWAY RIGHT NOW WHILE WE WASTE TIME TALKING, CAPTAIN!
YOU'VE CONVINCED ME! NOW LEAD US TO THE JAP THAT TOOK DOWN THOSE STARS AND STRIPES!
I DIDN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO KEEP UP WITH THOSE GYRENES, BUT I DID! THE DESIRE TO GET MY HANDS ON THE MAN WHO TORE DOWN THE STARS AND STRIPES KEPT ME ON MY FEET...
HOW MUCH FARTHER IS THE PLACE WHERE THE GENERAL'S GOT THE GETAWAY BOAT STASHED, SERGEANT?
PORT PAGO! ABOUT A HALF-MILE MORE!
WHEN WE GOT THERE, THE GENERAL'S BOAT WAS A SPECK ON THE PACIFIC...
TOO LATE, SARGE!
WE CAN STILL GET HIM, CAPTAIN! I HEARD HIM SAY THERE WERE TWO BOATS!
HE'S RIGHT, CAP'N! HERE'S THE OTHER ONE!
GET ABOARD, GYRENES, AND LET'S SHOVE OFF!
AS WE POURED ON THE KNOTS AFTER THE JAP BOAT, I SQUEEZED THE FLAG TIGHTER...
YOU'RE GOING TO FLY OVER GUAM AGAIN... AND THE MAN WHO TOOK YOU DOWN, IS THE MAN WHO'S GOING TO PUT YOU UP AGAIN!
THEY'RE FIRING AT US, CAP'N!
RETURN THE COMPLIMENT!
HA! THEIR BOAT IS SLOWING DOWN! SOON THEY WILL FIND OUT WHY WE LEFT THAT BOAT AND TOOK THIS ONE!
BOOM

OUR MOTOR'S CONKED! WE MUST BE OUT OF GAS!
NOW WE'LL NEVER GET THE MAN WHO TORE DOWN THE STARS AND STRIPES! HE'LL GET TO SAIPAN AND BE SAFE!
SAIPAN? IS THAT WHERE HE'S HEADING?
YES, SIR, WHY?
MY ANSWER WAS A CHORUS OF BELLY LAUGHS FROM THE CAPTAIN AND HIS MARINES! I COULDN'T GET A WORD OUT OF THEM...
AFTER WE'D ROWED BACK TO GUAM, I FOUND OUT WHAT THE BIG JOKE WAS... AND I ROARED, TOO...
WHAT'S WITH HIM, CAP'N? ALL I DID WAS TELL HIM THAT THE MARINES TOOK SAIPAN YESTERDAY, AND HE STARTS LAUGHIN'! LIKE I SAID SOMETHING FUNNY!
USMC
IT TOOK THE GYRENES ONLY TWENTY DAYS TO TAKE GUAM! AND THEN IT WAS TIME TO HAUL UP THE SAME AMERICAN FLAG WHICH HAD FLOWN OVER THE ISLAND IN 1941...
I'D GIVE ANYTHING IF THE MAN WHO TORE DOWN THIS FLAG WAS HERE TO SEE IT GO UP AGAIN!
HERE HE IS, SARGE! THE MARINES ON SAIPAN SENT HIM TO YOU AS A PRESENT AFTER I TOLD THEM ABOUT YOU!
USMC
ALL RIGHT, GENERAL HAGURO... TAKE DOWN YOUR FLAG!
YOU TOOK THIS ONE DOWN 32 MONTHS AGO! NOW YOU PUT IT UP THERE WHERE IT BELONGS!
AFTER THE SAME STARS AND STRIPES WAS FLYING OVER GUAM AGAIN, I HAD ONE MORE THING TO SAY...
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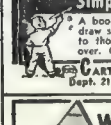

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"I have heard," he said. "That the Saxons have built some ships like ours, long ships to carry many men . . ."

"And suppose they have?" Erik jeered. "Are we not the Vikings? I have sailed the seas for many years, Gunnar, but not once have I seen a ship turn and fight one of our long ships." He gazed with pride at the long, sleek craft under his feet, stared upward at the billowing sail with the great dragon insignia upon it. "Even if they have built craft such as these, what experience have they had in the fighting of them?" He listened to the sound of a hammer up toward the bow, where one of his men was tempering his sword over the bricked-in cookstove fire that did double duty as a portable forge. "Nay . . . and with such men as mine, well-armed as they are, what is there to oppose us? Come!" He pointed westward to the rolling waste of waters. "This is the only danger we have to face . . . the sea itself!"

Perhaps it was true, Gunnar thought to himself. Too long the Vikings had reigned supreme to fear anyone, or anything but the sea. That, to all seamen was the final enemy. Bold as were the Vikings, they headed into the unmarked oceans with as much trepidation as the coast-bound peoples they harried. It would not be a long voyage, he knew, to Northumbria . . . but it would be a dangerous one.

The third day out a squall came up, rattled furiously through the sails, but subsided. It was deemed wise by Erik to down masts and proceed under oar power. This they did for the last two days, for the strong winds kept up and the masts could not be raised for fear of the wind's power breaking them off clean.

At dawn of the sixth day, Alesund was sighted and now, as the wind dropped, the masts were erected again, for all speed was necessary. First they would take Alesund and then sail down the coast before anyone could warn Ravenspur.

Ahead of the fleet, as it sailed into Alesund, fled a coastal trading ship, so slow that it piled up on the rocks, the whole crew escaping, leaving the craft to be plundered. Alesund itself was deserted when the Vikings landed, the inhabitants having fled inland and to the hills. They looted the town, reboarded their long ships and, under full sail, headed for Ravenspur.

Ravenspur, also, was situated at the end of a long spur of

sand that curved round like a hook, making a shallow harbor. The Viking fleet rounded a rocky promontory with all oars engaged and every sail flung to the breeze. The attack was intended to be a surprise with a quick dash into the harbor to overcome any resistance from whatever vessels might be present and then a landing and invasion of the entire countryside. Erik and Gunnar were at the prow of the Viking flagship as it came around the rocky peninsula, with Ravenspur now before them.

"There are ships in the harbor," Gunnar muttered. "A few craft like ours, and . . ."

Both his and Erik's eyes went wide as the harbor fleet, eight vessels strong, raised anchor and sailed out to meet them.

"They were ready for attack," Erik said, astonished. "They have learned a lesson. But still the odds are only six to eight. We will board and take them!"

Swiftly, both fleets approached each other. Then Gunnar noticed something odd about the Ravenspur ships, tall construction on bow and stern on which men stood behind what appeared to be wooden battlements.

"They are like castles, mounted fore and aft," he cried out. "And on them are mounted archers! We cannot board such craft . . . and they can destroy us at a distance. Let us flee, Erik . . . flee!"

The Viking commander stood silent for only an instant. Then a dense storm of arrows fired from the tall aft and fore castles on the Ravenspur ships put an end to his indecision. A trumpet blew a blast on the deck of the great long ship at a signal from Erik. And a moment later the bows of the invading craft came about. Under the power of both sails and oars, the Viking craft began to out-distance the pursuing vessels which kept up a continual shower of arrows until the Vikings got out of range.

Erik and Gunnar peered at the victorious craft from Ravenspur that now were turning back. Then the commander glanced at his own ship, the long Dragon craft of the Vikings.

"A good ship," he said. "A brave ship."

"But there are better now," Gunnar said.

Erik the Viking commander nodded.

"There are better now," he admitted.

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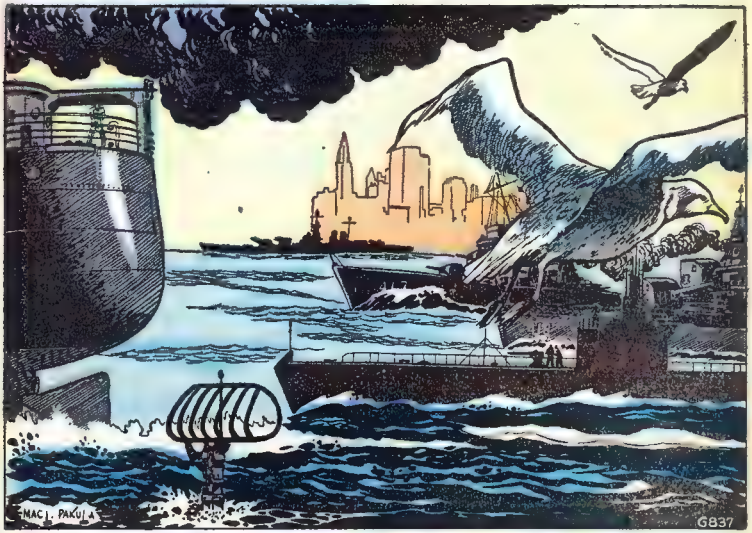
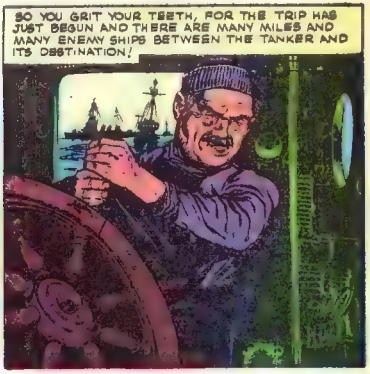


YOUR NAME IS JOHN DEERING! YOU'VE SAILED THE SEAS SINCE BOYHOOD, FOLLOWING THE MERCHANT SHIPS ALL OVER THE WORLD! BUT NOW, WHILE YOUNG MEN FIGHT YOUR COUNTRY'S CAUSE, YOU ARE NO LONGER YOUNG AND MUST JUST STAND BY AND WATCH...

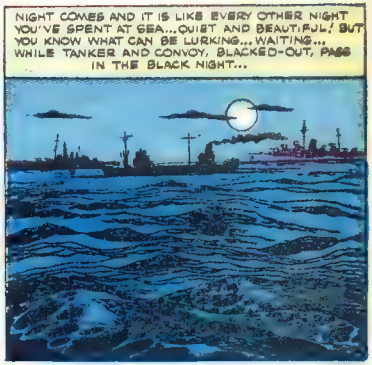
BUT YOU'RE PROUD, JOHN DEERING! YOU CAN STILL DO SOMETHING FOR YOUR COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH IT IS ONLY BEING A HAND ON A BEAT-UP TANKER THAT'S ALMOST AS OLD AS YOU ARE...

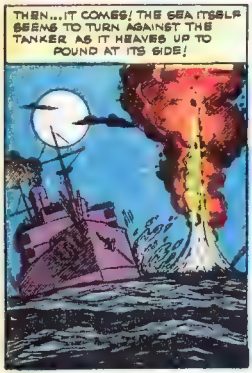
HAVE FAITH, JOHN DEERING! FOR YOUR CARGO IS OIL! AND YOUR DESTINATION, ALTHOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW IT, IS...
...AFRICA! THAT'S WHAT OUR SEALED ORDERS SAY!
LOOKS LIKE THE BIG PUSH IS ON! THE NAZIS AREN'T GOING TO LIKE THIS, CAPTAIN! THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO STOP US!
THEY COME?
JA! READY TORPEDOES!
YOU DON'T SEE THE ENEMY, BUT THE ESCORT DOES, AND...
DEAD AHEAD! ENEMY SUB!
KEEP 'EM AWAY FROM THE TANKER!
AMERICANER SUBMARINE!
WE CANNOT SHOOT ON TARGET! MOVE AND SHOOT! WE TAKE A CHANCE!
THIS IS THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF THE NEARNESS OF WAR! A TORPEDO EXPLOSION THAT MISSED YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR ESCORT...
CLOSE!
HOLD THE COURSE, DEERING!
IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA BELOW, THE WAR DRAMA VERY CLOSE INDEED! THERE A BATTLE RAGES BETWEEN TWO SUBMARINES!
THAT SHOT CAME TOO CLOSE! SURFACE AT ONCE! WE CAN ESCAPE UP THERE!
STAY CLEAR, MATES! THERE'LL BE FIREWORKS APLENTY IN A MINUTE!
BUT THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR THE NAZI SUBMARINE! DISASTER IS ITS FATE AS THE DESTROYERS FIRE POINT-BLANK AT IT!

STAND BY TO PICK UP SURVIVORS!
WHAT'S OUR ORDERS, MATE?
WE STAY ON COURSE, DEERING! LEAVE THE WAR TO THE NAVY!


SO YOU GRIT YOUR TEETH, FOR THE TRIP HAS JUST BEGUN AND THERE ARE MANY MILES AND MANY ENEMY SHIPS BETWEEN THE TANKER AND ITS DESTINATION!

WHEN YOUR WHEEL WATCH IS OVER, YOU REST AND STUDY THE CONVOY ALL AROUND YOU...
LOTS OF SHIPS, ALL RIGHT! BUT HOW CAN THEY STOP JUST ONE SHOT THAT'LL FINISH THE TANKER?


NIGHT COMES AND IT IS LIKE EVERY OTHER NIGHT YOU'VE SPENT AT SEA...QUIET AND BEAUTIFUL! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT CAN BE LURKING... WAITING... WHILE TANKER AND CONVOY, BLACKED-OUT, PASS IN THE BLACK NIGHT...

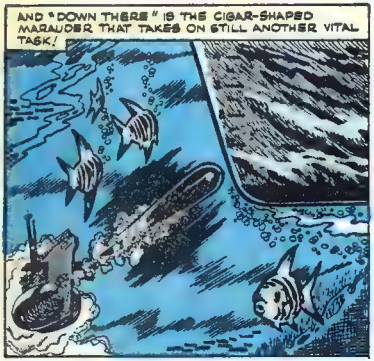

THEN... IT COMES! THE SEA ITSELF SEEMS TO TURN AGAINST THE TANKER AS IT HEAVES UP TO POUND AT ITS SIDE!

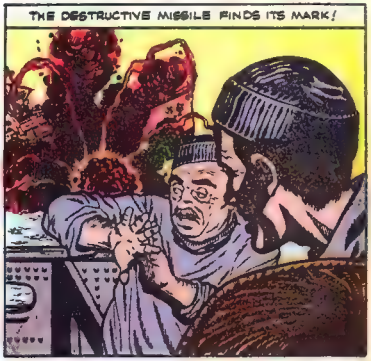
WHAT'S THAT?
ENEMY DESTROYER, SIR! WIGGLED ITS WAY INTO THE CONVOY.

FIND IT BEFORE IT SCORES A DIRECT HIT ON THE TANKER! ALL LIGHTS ON!
AYE, AYE, SIR!

SUDDENLY, THE NIGHT TURNS INTO DAY AS LIGHTS ARE TURNED ON! NOW YOU SEE THE TREMENDOUS EFFICIENCY OF THE CONVOY, JOHN, THE FAST TAKING OVER OF A JOB TO BE DONE!
THERE SHE IS... DRAWING A BEAD ON THE TANKER!
FINISH IT OFF!

WE CAN'T FIRE, SIR! MISS HER AND WE HIT THE TANKER!
HEY, DOWN THERE! SHE'S ALL YOURS! WE CAN'T DO A THING!


AND "DOWN THERE" IS THE CIGAR-SHAPED MARAUDER THAT TAKES ON STILL ANOTHER VITAL TASK!


THE DESTRUCTIVE MISSILE FINDS ITS MARK!

THANKS!
GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE! THAT'S OUR JOB! STICK TO YOURS AND WE'LL STICK TO OURS! THE WORST IS YET TO COME!

"THE WORST IS YET TO COME!" AND WHERE DO YOU, JOHN DEERING, FIT INTO ALL THIS? YOU'RE JUST A BYSTANDER, A SPECTATOR IN THIS SEA DRAMA!
IF I WERE ONLY TEN YEARS YOUNGER! IF I COULD ONLY HELP... JUST A LITTLE BIT!

YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, JOHN DEERING, SO YOU APPROACH THE CAPTAIN...
SIR, I'D LIKE TO TAKE OVER THE WHEEL!
GET BELOW, DEERING! THIS ISN'T YOUR WATCH!
BUT, SIR, I...
GET BELOW, DEERING! YOU NEED YOUR REST! WE'VE GOT A MAN AT THE WHEEL!
"YOU NEED YOUR REST," ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING YOU'RE OLD, JOHN, ISN'T IT? SO YOU'RE OLD AND USELESS AND AFTER A LIFETIME AT SEA, ALL YOU CAN DO IS GO BELOW...
IT'S QUIET NOW AND, ALTHOUGH YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW YOUR DESTINATION, YOU RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS! YOU'RE HEADED FOR AFRICA! YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THE AFRICAN COAST IS HEAVILY GUARDED BY THE ENEMY!
WE'RE HEADED FOR REAL TROUBLE NOW... AND I'M STILL AS USELESS AS A LANDLUBBER!
ATTENTION, ALL SHIPS!
WE'RE IN ENEMY WATERS! THE CREWS OF THE CONVOY HAVE THEIR ORDERS! MEN OF THE TANKER, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, STICK TO YOUR COURSE! WE'LL GET YOU THROUGH ...BUT YOU MUSTN'T STRAY FROM YOUR COURSE!
THAT'S THAT! BY THE WAY, DEERING, HOW DO YOU FEEL? ALL RESTED UP?
SIR, IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME, I'LL GO BELOW AND STAY OUT OF THE WAY! I WOULDN'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE!
WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU? TAKE OVER THE WHEEL, MAN! CAN'T TRUST ANYONE ELSE TO HOLD A TRUE COURSE! WHAT'D YOU THINK I WANTED YOU TO BE RESTED UP FOR?
AYE, AYE, SIR!

NOW, YOU'RE IN YOUR ELEMENT AND AT YOUR PROPER PLACE!
HERE THEY COME!
THE SEA TURNS INTO A RAGING MAELSTROM OF FIRE, BUT YOU'RE CALM AND IN CONTROL! YOU'RE DOING YOUR JOB...KEEPING THE TANKER ON HER TRUE AND STEADY COURSE!
THEN, STRAIGHT AHEAD, YOU SEE IT...A NAZI BOMBER PLANE, COMING RIGHT AT YOU!
KEEP MY COURSE... HEAD STRAIGHT ON... LEAVE THE REST TO THEM...
AND THAT'S WHAT YOU DO... LEAVING THE REST TO THEM, AS YOU ALL DO YOUR JOBS!
THAT WAS IT...THE FINAL RESISTANCE OF THE ENEMY! NOW YOU BRING YOUR OLD SHIP INTO PORT! YOU DON'T MEAN TO OVERHEAR, BUT THE WORDS COME TO YOU...
NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT AN OLD-TIME SEAMAN LIKE DEERING AT THE WHEEL!
RIGHT, SIR! EVERY MAN'S GOT A PLACE IN THIS WAR!
"EVERY MAN'S GOT A PLACE IN THIS WAR!" EVEN YOU, JOHN DEERING! AND YOU KNOW IT WAS A JOB WELL DONE, AS YOU WATCH THE YOUNGER FELLOWS TAKE OVER!
HERE'S YOUR OIL, BOYS! USE IT TO FINISH YOUR JOB! THE TANKER AND I HAVE DONE OURS, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE BOTH OLD-TIMERS!
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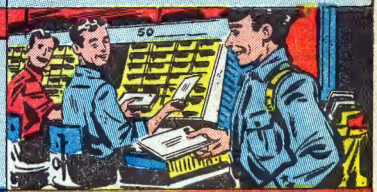

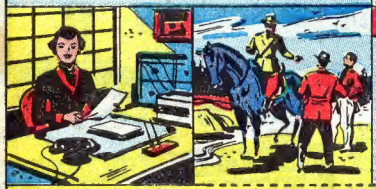

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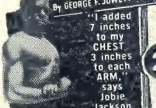
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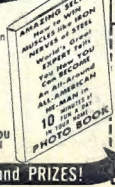
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